

REMARKS

Restriction to one of twelve groups of claims was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. In response to this requirement, Applicants elect Group VII, which the Examiner indicated as encompassing Claims 26-27. The Examiner characterized this group as drawn to "a method for detecting an aberrant cell in a subject or in a biological sample from said subject, said method comprising contacting cells or cell extracts from said subject or said biological sample with an immunointeractive molecule specific for StarD10 or an antigenic portion thereof and screening for the level of immunointeractive molecule-StarD10 complex formations wherein an elevated presence of said complex relative to a normal cell is indicative of an aberrant cell."

Applicants wish to note that while Claim 26 is sufficiently broad to read on the foregoing description of the invention, it does not actually contain all of these limitations. Claim 26 has been amended solely to clarify the language used to place it in better condition for examination in the U.S. As such, this amendment has been made for reasons unrelated to patentability.

Claim 27 has been cancelled and re-written as new Claim 36. In addition, new Claims 33 and 34 have been added as new claims that read on the elected invention. Accordingly, immediate examination of Claims 26, 33, 34, and 36 is respectfully requested.

New Claims 37-48 have also been added as claims ultimately dependent on elected Claim 26. Upon allowance of Claim 26, rejoinder of these claims under M.P.E.P. § 821.04 will be appropriate, and is hereby respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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